

Greater Fredericksburg Emmaus Community Newsletter

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A Message from Chris Campbell, one of our board members:

My name is Chris Campbell, I worship at River Club Church, walked on FE-70 and sat at the table of Peter. It has been 16 years since I took the Walk to Emmaus. There is a lot I remember and grew from on from my Walk, the people at my table, our skits, and quite a few talks that challenged my way of thinking. However, I think what has really grown me in my faith since my Walk to Emmaus has been being involved in the Emmaus Community and being invited to an Emmaus Reunion group.

I would not be the same person I am now without the opportunities that being part of the Emmaus Community has given me. I have been challenged to grow in the various positions I have had the opportunity to have within the Community, my Church, and in my career. I have met and been mentored, whether they knew it or not, by mature Christians that showed me what servanthood and servant-leadership looks like in action. As a side note, it is amazing how well servant-leadership has worked in my career (it really does work). I would not be the leader I am at my job, my church, and in my family if not for what I have learned and have seen in the Emmaus Community.

I'd encourage you to look back on your Walk or Encounter (or Flight for some) and think back on what you learned and how it has impacted your walk with Jesus. You might be in a spot where you don't feel any closer to Jesus. You might not be in a valley but there is always room on this world to get closer to Him. So, I would encourage you to pull out your agape bag and go thru some of the stuff you got on your weekend. Reread some of those letters from the people close to you. Realize you are love and cherished, not just by them, but by the Creator of the universe.

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Community events

Upcoming Walks

FE-122 and FE-123

Praise God! As a reminder, we have confirmed that FE-122 and FE-123 will be at Camp Rappahannock (formerly known as Camp Happyland) from October 10th-13th. If you are interested in participating or sponsoring a pilgrim, check out the walk page on our website. <http://fredwalk.org/walks.asp>

Applications are available for those interested in teaming or sponsoring are available on the website. Walk leaders are Jenn Bumbrey (FE-122) and Chris Wells (FE-123). Both groups covet your prayers and they begin preparing for the walks in the coming weeks.

Please prayerfully consider ways you can support the upcoming walks through things such as:

- Agape for the pilgrims (and team)
- Serving on our servant team, either for the weekend or part of the weekend
- Sponsor a pilgrim (or donate to help sponsor). This is a great opportunity for a small group or Sunday school class.
- Come out to the camp for Sponsor's Hour, Candlelight and/or Closing
- There are lots of other ways to support and we will be featuring those in our newsletters until the walk dates!

Face to Face Encounter #5

We are excited to announce that our next Face to Face Encounter is scheduled! The Encounter Lay Director will be Bob Pickett. Dates are included here for your reference. If you are interested in participating on the team, sponsoring a pilgrim or supporting the Encounter in any way, please note we are holding this event in the Northern Neck next year.

- April 22, 24, 29 and May 1, 2025 for training at Carmel Church UMC on the Northern Neck of Virginia
- May 13, 15, 20, 22, 2025 for Encounter at Carmel Church UMC

Upcoming Community Gatherings:

Our next gathering is Saturday, July 13th at Melrose Methodist Church in Lottsburg, VA. We are excited to be returning to the Northern Neck for our gathering this month and we hope to see you there! Fellowship begins at 3:30 and our gathering begins at 4:00.

Future gatherings will be:

- August 10th—Rehoboth UMC, Beaverdam, VA
- September 14th—New Hope UMC, Fredericksburg, VA
- October 12th—Camp Happyland
- November 9th—Peace UMC, Fredericksburg, VA
- December 14th—Fredericksburg UMC, Fredericksburg, VA

Interested in participating on a team for future walks?

If you would like to express interest in participating on a walk team for a future walk, you may use this link to submit your teaming application: [Online teaming application-Fredericksburg Emmaus](#)